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Liberal round-trip summer rates will be available for those wishing to proceed beyond Salt Lake City, with stop-over privileges at that point and elsewhere. Local railway agents should be consulted for exact information.

Some of the features of the varied program of the meeting are the following: A conference on "Research Problems of the Great Basin" will be held at noon on Thursday, June 22. Dr. John A. Widtsoe, past president of the University of Utah, will lead the discussion, and delegates from Pacific Coast institutions will take part. President Evermann's address Thursday evening will be on "The Conservation and Proper Utilization of our Natural Resources." Following this address there will be a general reception.

The afternoon of Friday will be devoted to a symposium on "The Problems of the Colorado River," with the following titles, several of which represent changes made in the program since the publication of the preliminary announcement: (1) "Description and physiography of the Colorado River Basin," Dr. Frederick J. Pack, Deseret professor, department of geology, University of Utah; (2) "Geology of the Colorado River Basin with reference to the engineering problem," Professor Bailey Willis, professor of geology, Leland Stanford, Jr., University; (3) "The vegetation of the Colorado River Drainage Basin," Dr. Frederic E. Clements, Carnegie Institution of Washington; (4) "The Algerian Sahara," Professor E. V. Gautier, Faculty of Letters, University of Algiers, and exchange professor, Harvard University; (5) "The conservation of the waters of the Colorado River from the standpoint of the reclamation service," Mr. Frank E. Weymouth, chief engineer, United States Reclamation Service; (6) "The interstate and international aspects of the Colorado River problem," Dr. C. E. Grunsky, vice-president of the Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science, San Francisco, California.

All members of the association and of the affiliated societies should attend the banquet Friday evening, at which an address will be given by the distinguished writer and student of human evolution, Professor James Harvey

Robinson, of the New School of Social Science, New York City.

Saturday will be devoted to excursions and entertainment. A free organ recital will be given in the Tabernacle, and there will be a trip to the famous Saltair bathing beach. In the evening Dr. J. E. Broadus will give an illustrated lecture entitled "From the Grand Canyon to the Yellowstone."

The distinguished Dutch evolutionist, Dr. J. P. Lotsy, of the Holland Society of Science in Haarlem, is expected to give a talk on evolution, probably on Thursday.

The regular section organizations of the association will not hold sessions at the Salt Lake City meeting, but many scientific societies and groups of workers will present programs. Among these are the American Physical Society, the American Meteorological Society, the Pacific Division of the American Phytopathological Society, the Cooper Ornithological Club, the Ecological Society of America, the Pacific Coast Entomological Society, the Pacific Slope Branch of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, the Plant Physiologists, the Society of American Foresters, the Western Psychological Association, the Western Society of Naturalists, the Agronomists and Soil Experts.

Correspondence regarding the preparations for the summer meeting should be addressed to Mr. W. W. Sargeant, secretary of the Pacific Division, A. A. A. S., Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

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#### SCIENTIFIC EVENTS THE SPENCER FULLERTON BAIRD MEMORIAL

A NATIONAL movement has been inaugurated in Washington to commemorate on February 3, 1923, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Spencer Fullerton Baird. Through a local organizing committee of twenty-six members, of which Dr. Hugh M. Smith is chairman and Dr. Paul Bartsch is secretary, a permanent national organization has been effected with the following officers: *Honorary president*, Dr. William H. Dall, Washington, D. C.; *pres-*

dent, Dr. Charles D. Walcott, Washington, D. C.; *vice-presidents*, Mr. G. R. Agassiz, Boston, Mass., Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Washington, D. C., Professor F. W. Clarke, Washington, D. C., Professor Stephen A. Forbes, Urbana, Ill., Dr. David Starr Jordan, Stanford University, Cal., Professor Edwin Linton, Columbia, Mo., Professor Edward S. Morse, Salem, Mass., Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, New York, N. Y., Professor Addison E. Verrill, New Haven, Conn., and Professor Robert S. Woodward, Washington, D. C.

Steps are now in progress for the formation of a national committee, and Dr. Walcott has addressed letters to various persons inviting them to become members of the committee, and to scientific bodies inviting them to name representatives to serve on the committee, and individuals and organizations have been asked to submit suggestions in regard to the general subject of the memorial.

While Spencer Fullerton Baird's scientific attainments and public services are well and widely known, the letter which Dr. Walcott has sent out recalls that Baird was the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the virtual founder of the United States National Museum, the creator and head of the United States Fish Commission, and a prime mover in the establishment of the United States Geological Survey and the Bureau of American Ethnology.

His personal contributions to knowledge in the domain of biology were numerous and profound. His ability and achievements, his fidelity to the public weal, his unselfish devotion to duty, the encouragement and aid he extended to other workers, and the beauty and simplicity of his character combined to produce one of the most noteworthy figures in our national history and one whom America will undoubtedly delight to honor on this appropriate occasion.

Up to the present time the matters that have been decided upon are a public meeting in Washington on February 3, 1923, at which addresses will be delivered and announcements made of the memorial or memorials that have been determined on, and the placing of wreaths on the grave of Baird in Oak Hill Cemetery, the bust of Baird in the American Museum of

Natural History, the Baird memorial boulder at Woods Hole, and the Baird memorial tablet at the Bureau of Fisheries building in Washington.

Among the suggestions that have been made for a permanent national memorial are (1) a bust, statue, mural or open-air fountain, or bronze mural tablet to be provided by voluntary subscriptions and erected in the grounds of the Smithsonian Institution or the National Zoological Park, and (2) a fishery museum or exhibit, with public aquarium, embracing both the scientific and applied features of fishery problems, to be established by Congress under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

It has been suggested also that there be established a Baird memorial medal to be awarded periodically to persons performing noteworthy original or meritorious work in science, and that there be published during 1923, preferably under the auspices of the National Museum or the Smithsonian Institution, a memorial volume to be made up of original papers on scientific subjects contributed by Baird's associates, colleagues and immediate followers.

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#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

ACCORDING to the program as abstracted in the *British Medical Journal*, as already announced, the Third International Congress of the History of Medicine will be held in London this summer from July 17 to 22. The congress will be opened by the minister of health at the house of the Royal Society of Medicine, on Monday, July 17, at 10:30 a.m., after which the delegates from foreign countries will be received, and the president, Dr. Singer, will give his address. In the afternoon the president of honor, Sir Norman Moore, will give a reception and address at the Royal College of Physicians; in the evening there will be a reception and conversazione by Dr. and Mrs. Singer at the Royal Society of Medicine, and an address by Professor Elliot Smith. Morning sessions for papers and discussions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and after-